#### The New Big Flats Times

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## What's Going on in the Town?

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The newsletter gets sent out in March, June, September and December

The Community days Committee would like to thank everyone for another great year. It couldn't be successful without our many volunteers, donations, sponsors, and everyone who attends. THANK YOU

## 2016 Senior Bus Trips

September 2016

Everyone that is on the mailing list will receive a post card in the mail with more details, also letting you know when the registration opens for each eventl

#### Big Flats Town Board:

- Supervisor Edward Fairbrother
- Lee Council Giammichele
- Council Andy Gillette
- Council Bob Adams
- Council Mike Saglibene
- Town Clerk Linda Cross
- · Meetings:

2nd Wednesday at 4:30pm

4th Wednesday at 7:00pm

September 13th -14th, 2016

Round trip

Overnight at Hampton Inn Ephratz in Lancaster, PA

Buffet Breakfast

Lunch

Shady Maple, dinner and shopping

American Treasure Tour

Lil' Country Store and Miniature Horse Farm

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October 6, 2016

Round Trip

"Live at the Sands", Frank, Dean and Sammy Show at Penn's Peak

Callie's Candy Kitchen and shopping

Dinner on your own at Bingham's Restaurant

If you'd like to be on the mailing list to get the invitations by mail contact:

Mary Lee Fairbrother (607)796-9720 Margie Flynn (607)562-3736 Donna Wren (607) 562-7418

Seating is on a first come first serve basis so mail your form in immediately upon receiving it

November 10, 2016

Round Trip

Olney's Flowers to shop

Lunch Buffet

"Christmas in the Fifties" Show at The beeches Inn and dinner Theater

Destiny USA for shopping and Dinner on your own

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# Congratulations to the 2016 Citizen of the Year

You may know him as "Denny"... YES owner of Denny's Sub Shop. Denny has been open for 40 years this year. Denny is a community man, for many years he sponsored teams in local sports. He also donates to many charitable events. Denny is always friendly whether you see him at his restaurant or out in public. There's not to many places you can call to place an order and they know you by your voice.

Denny has a huge fan club as I had a lot of people write in nominating him for this recognition.

Be sure to tell Denny Congratulations!



Dennis Hill









When you enter the Town Hall lobby you will see a box for donations to be placed in for Southern Tier Dog Control which is the dog control agency that is used by the Town of Big Flats

They are asking you to HELP if you are able

#### THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

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## From the Community Center



#### Private Parties Welcome.

Having a birthday party, hosting a baby shower, or planning a holiday gathering? The Community Center is ready and available to meet your needs. Reservations available Mon-Fri 8am-9pm and Saturday by appointment. Call the Center office for more details. 607 562-8443 ext 303/www.bigflatsny.gov

#### **Activities**

There are many activities to participate in and events to attend. Would you be interested in playing cards, are you crafty or want to learn to be, looking for exercise programs to join, or learn to cook Italian style? Want to socialize and have a meal? Do your kids like to play games? Well the Big Flats Community Center has it all! Check out the monthly activity flyer on the website for details. Looking for a new program and have ideas to share? The Center staff will be happy to help you set up a new activity to share with residents!

# Holiday Harvest FOOD DRIVE

Donations to benefit the Big Flats Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and personal toiletry items accepted.

"Building a better COMMUNITY



#### Christmas Concert & Sing Along

#### Pat Kane & West o'Clare

Wednesday, November 30th 6:00 pm





#### **Upcoming Events**

~ The Big Flats Lions club sponsors a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross approximately every 56 days. Please consider becoming a donor. Call the office for a list of upcoming dates.

~ AARP Driver safety classes offered at the Community Center. Most insurance companies will give a discount on the cost of your policy. Contact your agent for specific details and the monthly flyer for scheduled dates.

~ Annual FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Big Flats Food Pantry. <u>Donations of canned foods and</u> toiletries accepted in the foyer October 26th through <u>December 30th</u>.

> ~ **Christmas Concert:** Wednesday, November 30th 6:00pm Pat Kane & West o'Clare

#### Donations

Donations are always welcomed! Check with your employer for details on donating through the United Way campaign. Remember to specify your donation be sent to the Town of Big Flats Community Center.

# Thank You to all of Our Business Sponsors



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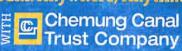
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# From the Town Supervisor

2016 is now over half over and we are now looking at budget time for 2017. The state has set the inflation rate at .0017% with the allowable levy growth factor of .0068%. For the last three years we have been able to stay under the tax cap and we will be working hard to do this again in 2017. This will mean cuts of over \$500,000 in the 2016 budget as the town will lose another \$100,000 in sales tax revenue in 2017. We will be posting updates on the town's budget on the town's website during this process.

Tim Gilbert will be leaving the Town of Big Flats as Director of Code and Planning. Tim has done a great job as director gaining the respect of the builders and developers in the Big Flats area. I want to thank Tim for all that he has done for the Town of Big Flats and wish him well in his new career. Tom Whispel will be heading the Code Office for the town and the town will be entering into a contract for services with STC for the planning office.

The Town is applying for a CFA Grant for the expansion of the new playground at Community Park Extension. This project was put together by the Fourth Graders at Big Flats Elementary School. This will continue with the town's master plan of having an ADA compliant playground for the youth in Big Flats.

Our Summer Taffy program celebrated its 60th year of service to the youth in Big Flats. I want to thank Marge Tremaine and her staff for a great job. The program this year provided a summer program to over 500 young adults in the Big Flats area.

The I86 Corridor Committee has been working hard on several CFA and URI Grants for 2016 and 2017 to create new jobs, housing, and a better vibrant community. This committee has received recognition from several agencies and state offices in New York for the projects that each of the four subcommittees have been working on.

The Department of Public Works again in 2016 has completed several major projects such as \$1,000,000 in road improvements, upgrading of the Community and Community Park Extension ball fields, and the water department will have the new pump station online by the end of August giving the towns water system backup from the Elmira Water Board for future commercial development.

I want to thank Kevin Kole for hosting our summer concert series on Thursday nights from 6pm to 8pm. I also would like to thank the Big Flats Lions Club for serving refreshments at these concerts. We will be working on winter concerts in the coming weeks at the Community Center.

I would like to invite everyone to come to our Town Board meetings and be part of the local government process. They are the second Wednesday (4:30PM) and the fourth Wednesday (7:00PM) of the month.

# Thank You

Thank you to all that participated in, attended, and helped work the 2nd annual Big Flats Community Center Open House & Information Fair. The event was a great success. Over 60 vendors participated and close to 800 attended. The Town of Big Flats is a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Looking forward to next year's event!

#### A BIG Thank You to

Mohammad Latif

for his generous donation towards the 1st Community Picnic.

Because of his donation residents were able to attend the picnic at no cost to them.





Big Flats Appleumpkin Days is the perfect opportunity to come out and see all that the Town of Big Flats has to offer. Visit <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/AppleumpkinDays">http://sites.google.com/site/AppleumpkinDays</a> or <a href="www.BigFlatsBusinessAssociation.com">www.BigFlatsBusinessAssociation.com</a> or call (607) 733-9063 for more information and to learn what each business has planned for the weekend.

A Fall Vendor Fair is planned at the Cottage Gift Shop with over 30 craft and product vendors plus activities for children including face painting and a coloring contest with pumpkins for the winners.

Singer/songwriter/pianist Jose Gomes will be performing on Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30.

The Big Flats Business Association encourages you to "Shop Local" during their 9th annual Big Flats Appleumpkin Days, a fall harvest celebration held at a variety of business locations in the Town of Big Flats. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever with these businesses participating: Amish Workshop, Antique Revival, Cottage Gift Shop, Oldies But Goodies, Pets in Paradise Pet Sitting & Dog Walking, Ted's Produce & Flower Market, The Witch's Stitches, and Ken's Service Center. Activities throughout the weekend vary from business to business and will include special discounts and sales, prize drawings, refreshments, and food available for purchase.

Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Congratulations

Congratulations to the BIG FLATS players for winning the District 6 Little League Championship



# Big Flats Women's Club

The Big Flats Women's Club annual college scholarship awards dinner was held on June 21<sup>st</sup>

at the Big Flats Community Center.

This year's recipient Mia Strollo and her family were guests at the dinner.

Mia was awarded a \$500 College Scholarship, which she will use while attending Nazareth College to study nursing. The club was very happy to meet Mia and wishes her well in her future education.



For those not familiar with our group, it all started back in 1957 when 13 women came together at the home of Bess Oakley to unite the women of the community for civic purposes and for the improvement of the Big Flats Community. Along the way these ladies supported efforts to improve the town zoning laws, the parks and traffic and most importantly in 1968 its major project of helping to establish the Big Flats Branch Library. Our group meets four times a year and conducts various fund raising activities to support the library, our scholarship fund and various local charitable causes. Please call Ann Hayes, 562-8523 for more information about the group and its activities. We welcome new members and guests at any of our meetings. Our fall meeting and membership drive will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Big Flats Community Center. Plans for celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 are beginning! In the above picture Bobbie Vence President of the Club is awarding Mia Strollo her scholarship check.

# From the Assessor

As of January 1, 2016 we have welcomed Melanie E. VanNoy, Assessor and Becky Smith, Assessor's Aide to the Town of Big Flats. The Town entered into a Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Horseheads. Since January the Assessor's office has been open only on Monday & Tuesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Starting October 3, 2016 the Town of Big Flats Assessor's Office will be located at the Town of Horseheads Town Hall at 150 Wygant Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845. There the Assessor's Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Melanie E. VanNoy, Assessor (607) 739-0873 x16 mvannoy@bigflatsny.gov

Becky Smith, Assessor's Aide (607) 739-0873 x27 bsmith@bigflatsny.gov

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5:30 pm Departure from Mohegan Sun- Wilkes Barre, PA
8:00 pm Arrive Top's Market - S Main Street, Elmira, NY
8:15 pm Arrive Corning Wegmans - 1 Bridge Street, Corning, NY

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September 10th -

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October 8th -



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## From the Historical Society

Join us!!! Help us preserve the history of Big Flats. If you haven't been to the museum (258 Hibbard Road), it's a must see on your list.

5 pancake breakfasts in our pavilion, May - September,

9 dinner meetings at the Community Center

and 6 newsletters. Just \$15.00 yearly.

At our June 2016 dinner meeting at the Community Center we gave our annual "Volunteer of the Year" award. This award is honoring a volunteer who has helped the society during the year by sharing time and effort above and beyond. A Steuben Eagle is passed from the last year's winner to the new winner. This award was proposed and funded 14 years ago thru the thoughtfulness of Bob & Thirza Gibbs.

Our past volunteer honorees are:

Starting in 2003; Betty Farr McIntyre, Sylvia Mattoon Radford, Frank Reynolds, Linda Patrick & Chuck Edmister, Glen E. Bates Jr., Joyce Reasor Losey, Gary Nelson, Pamela M. Farr, Earl Wright, Sylvia Mattoon Radford, Ann Burt Hayes, Sally Wright, and last year 2015 Alice McKay.

The Steuben Eagle has left Alice McKay's home and now resides in the 2016 Volunteer of the Year's home of "Carmella Coppola".



# The Library Advocates



The Big Flats Library Advocates had a very successful Garden Tour on Sunday July 24th. Nine sites were on the tour and even though it was in the high 90's everyone had a great time. The lack of rain didn't deter the gardeners from showcasing their hard work and the Advocates greeted the visitors with enthusiasm.

We had a raffle with many wonderful items and Greg Lamb won the beautiful quilt that Ann Hayes and Robin Fitzgerald made.

First on the tour was the library garden itself. Muriel and Chuck Friend along with Advocate volunteers planted many bulbs and annuals. It can be enjoyed when sitting at the new Reading Garden pavilion.

Then came the Big Flats Community Center. Ed Fairbrother, Big Flats Supervisor, hosted the garden tour and showed visitors five areas that had been lovingly tended by Pat Schichtel.

Moving on to the beautiful garden of Lisa and Dan Boylan. A little gem with a koi pond that's hidden right on Canal Street.

On Brookside Circle is the Anne and Greg Lamb garden. On the Memory Walk many of the perennials were given to Anne by family and friends. In fact many of the flowers were gifts from family members.

Up on Quail Run is the home of Joann and Ron Thompson. Many of the areas are dedicated to family members and the waterfall is a sight to see.

On Somerset Drive is the home of Vicie Rolling. Much of the garden is new since a house fire in 2003. Vicie has planted vegetables, trees, flowers and hosta that the deer love.

David and Julie McCausland live on Easterbrook Drive. Their garden features 500 daylilies that Dave is evaluating for possible registration and introduction into commerce.

On Chambers Road Ruby Fabiny has an amazing garden that includes an herb garden and a variety of vegetables.

And last but not least the Calderone garden on Chambers Road has vegetables, flowers, a pond with ducks and frogs and beehives that gave Giuliana 82 pounds of honey last year.

All proceeds from the Garden Tour and raffle will be used for the benefit of the Big Flats Library.

Lee Hanle Younge

President



# New Online Feature for the Water Department

Wondering if you paid your bill? Did you lose your bill? Need billing information for tax purposes? Now you can look up your water account online! Go to the Water Department page of the Town's website and sign up through the web portal. You can also pay your bill online using a debit/credit card. The payment feature carries a small cost but to register your account is free!

## Chemung County Habitat for Humanity

This year over 400 volunteers got their hands dirty to help Chemung County Habitat for Humanity build safe and affordable housing for our local neighbors in need!

Chemung County Habitat for Humanity, the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a nonprofit organization that builds safe and affordable homes for ownership by local families in need. Habitat homeowners are chosen by the Selection Committee based on the family's housing need, their willingness to partner with Habitat and their ability to repay a very low interest rate mortgage loan.

Habitat for Humanity build so much more than homes! The Chemung County affiliate also offers the Home Repair Program, a program providing local low-income families with much needed exterior home repairs like painting, repairing porches, constructing accessibility ramps, and more. The program allows our elderly and disabled neighbors to safely remain in their homes.

The Healthy Homes Program, a fun educational workshop series, offers Chemung County residents classes exploring budgeting, financial skills, energy efficiency, nutrition, basic home maintenance skills, weatherization skills, etc.

In 2016, Habitat for Humanity will rehabilitate 2 homes for 1st time homebuyers, repair 20 owner-occupied homes for our elderly and disabled neighbors, and will offer Healthy Homes' classes to 45 individuals. If you would like to contribute to the work of Habitat for Humanity in Chemung County or participate in one of Habitat's programs, please call 607-734-1361 or e-mail info@ChemungCountyHabitat.org.



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